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Applicant(s)

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

SIR:

Applicants hereby appeal the Examiner's decision made in the Office Action dated August 27, 2003 rejecting claims 1, 12-19, 24, 25, 29-37, 39, 40, 70-84. Although this Office Action is non-final, the Notice of Appeal is not premature because claims 1-21 have been rejected at least two times. See Rule 1.191(a).

Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), for which a response period expiring on November 27, 2003 was set. The extended period expires on February 27, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.191 Notice of Appeal fee of \$330.00 and the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) three-month extension fee of \$950.00 to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon, deposit account number 11-0600. Any additional fees deemed necessary should also be charged to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. An additional copy of this Notice is enclosed for that purpose.

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